

## MEETING SUMMARY

### Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting Held 12-06-06

Agriculture Service Center  
6975 Hannegan Rd  
(NRCS OFFICE)  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Members present: Chuck Antholt, John Gillies, Todd Jones, Ken Schilke, Russell Simonson, and Vicki Hawley. Staff: Kraig Olason, PDS, Jessica Buer, PDS. Guests: Henry Bierlink, APC; Roger Van Dyken; and Lisa McShane, Whatcom Legacy Project.

#### 1. Review of minutes.

The minutes for the 11-01-06 meeting were reviewed. Todd motioned to approve the minutes. Ken seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

#### 2. Public Comments

Lisa McShane from the Whatcom Legacy Project and Roger Van Dyken provided a brief review of the Whatcom Legacy Project. Lisa McShane stated that the Whatcom County Legacy Project consists of a diverse steering committee whose primary mission is to research, develop, and facilitate long-range planning goals for Whatcom County. According to Lisa and Roger, the Whatcom Legacy Project will be assessing farmland preservation issues in Whatcom County.

Lisa provided the Committee with a handout pertaining to the project and stated that the Whatcom Legacy Project had received approval for a two-year \$70,000 budget.

#### 3. Technical Review Committee Update

A handout was provided to the Committee pertaining to the Technical Review Committee (TRC). Kraig stated that the TRC would likely consist of 5-9 members including the following positions: 1) Land-Use Planner; 2) Legal Advisor; 3) Building Industry Official; 4) AAC Committee Member; 5) Agriculture Organization Member; 6) Local Farmer; and 7) Agriculture Business Member. Kraig asked the Committee to provide a follow-up of any recommended members to fill the position vacancies.

#### 4. PDR Program Update

Kraig stated that the Dickson Family had accepted the final appraised value for their farm property. The final appraised value was \$170,000.

In addition, Kraig informed the Committee that the PDR Oversight Committee had made the decision not to meld the PDR and AAC committees. Kraig stated that the PDR Committee would modify their business rules' quorum restrictions.

5. Agriculture/Rural Lands Study

A handout pertaining to the Rural Lands Study was provided to the Committee. The handout was reviewed and Kraig asked the Committee to come ready to discuss any necessary revisions or concerns at the next meeting.

**Next meeting: January 10th at 3:00PM.**

Signed,

Chuck Antholt, Chair